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DEFENSE FOR SECRETARY BROWN FROM AMBASSADOR
STOESSEL

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MASS GW
SUBJECT: NATO GUIDED MISSILE PATROL HYDROFOIL (NATO
PHM) PROGRAM

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1. I MET WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE LEBER FEBRUARY 11
TO GIVE HIM OUR APPRECIATION OF THE NATO PHM PROGRAM
AND TO SOLIVT HIS VIEWS. LEBER REACTED CALMLY TO THE
SUGGESTION THAT WE MIGHT CANCEL THE PROGRAM OR REDESIGN
THE VESYOL. HE PROMISED A CONSIDERED REPLY, AFTER HIS
STAFF HAD HAD TIME TO STUDY THE NON-PAPER WHICH I LEFT
WITH HIM.

2. LEBER MENTIONED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A BUNDESTAG
DEBATE LAST YEAR AS TO WHETHER THE FRG SHOULD CARRY OUT
A FRIGATE PROGRAM OR OBTAIN FAST PATROL BOATS TO CARRY
OUT THE GERMAN MARITIME MISSION. THE DECISION HAD GONE
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IN FAVOR OF THE FRIGATES BUT THERE WERE MANY
INDIVIDUALS WHO FELT THE CHOICE HAD BEEN WRONG. CLEARLY
THE FRG COULD NOT AFFORD TO DO BOTH AT THAT TIME,
PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF OTHER PRIORITY NAVY
PROCUREMENT PROJECTS. WITHOUT SAYING SO, LEBER INTIMATED
THAT THE FRG HAD ALREADY DECIDED NOT TO PROCURE THE NATO
PHM AT THIS TIME.

3' LEBER ALSO MENTIONED THAT THERE HAD BEEN ISRAELI
INTEREST IN PURCHASING THE FAST PATROL BOATS FROM THE
FRG. HE HAD TOLD THE ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER THAT THE
FRG WOULD NOT OPPOSE SUCH AN ISRAELI PURCHASE. I SAID
THAT AN ISRAELI PURCHASE WOULD OBVIOUSLY CUT THE COSTS
PER VESSEL TO WHICH LEBER ASSENTED. HE THEN MOVED ON TO
OTHER TOPICS.
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